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—Horace Smith



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Travis, local community work together toward air mobility

By Col Dave Lefforge

60th AMW Commander

"For the first time in the history of war, this country has fought in a landlocked area where every single thing going in and coming out has gone by air. Food, water, ammunition, troops were all transported by air, and that's really incredible," Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche said recently. Much has been said about our roles in current operations, but this statement truly underscores the importance of air mobility and why what you do is so vital.

The Air Force briefed Congress last week on its mobility roadmap, a 15-year plan that outlines the future of the air mobility fleet. The proposal is a starting point for negotiations with Congress and other affected parties about how the Air Force can best meet America's increased requirement for robust airlift capability. The roadmap is the first step of a very long process that will include many funding decisions, environmental studies, and other necessary events to shape air mobility.

Under the current proposal, by fiscal year 2008, Travis will gain 12 C-17s while losing 16 C-5s (there will be no changes in our KC-10 numbers). The remaining C-5s would receive upgraded avionics and engines under two proposed modernization programs. Otherwise, we don't have a great degree of additional details on the proposal yet and therefore can't discuss yet how it will impact base manpower, construction funding, or anything that derives from the aircraft numbers.

In summary, the roadmap proposes a minimum fleet of 180 C-17s, 150 C-130Js, plus 280 older C-130s, and 112 upgraded C-5s. The fleet will be 30 percent more reliable, able to transport more cargo, and less costly to operate and maintain.

C-17s at Travis will be a thrilling new mission, and once operational, we will have the only full-spectrum air mobility capability...KC-10s, C-5s and C-17s. Awesome! We look forward to the C-17 as part of Team Travis, and we appreciate the hard work of our Congressional delegation and community partners toward creating this proposal.

The outlook for Travis remains bright. Yet each of us here can do our part toward preserving our heritage and safeguarding our future. Here are

some individual ways we can pitch in.

► **Donate blood.** Blood drives are held every Tuesday in the hospital. We just spent \$300,000 to meet our blood needs for the coming year. If we could get 20 more people each week going to DGMCC to donate blood, we wouldn't have to pay that bill, and we'd be helping increase the emergency blood supply.

► **Spring cleaning.** On Wednesday we observed Pride Day. Throughout the day, people worked to make the base a better place to live, work and play. Projects included tree cutting, eliminating crack grass and simple steps toward base beautification. Our next Pride Day is June 14. That doesn't mean we can let the quality of our work areas spiral downward. "Spring cleaning" should happen every day. It can be as easy as throwing trash away, disposing of cigarettes properly or mowing the lawn.

► **Encourage our young people.** The Travis Youth Center offers a variety of resources for young people. For example, they are hosting a baby-sitting certification workshop tomorrow at 8 a.m. and an "Enhance Our Children" conference at 9 a.m. Today there is a skateboard clinic demonstration at the Travis Skate Park from 4 to 7 p.m. These are just a few examples of programs the Youth Center offers. Call 424-5392 for more information.

► **Personal and professional development.** The Family Support Center is another valuable resource right here on base. They host "Airman Professional Growth and Development" classes to help E-3s and below gain credibility, recognition and promotion. The FSC also offers "Seven Habits of Highly Effective People" 4-day workshops. Call 424-2486 for information.

► **Thank your administrative professional.** This week is Administrative Professionals Week. Show your office administrative professional how much you appreciate their hard work and dedication. In fact, the Delta Breeze Club is offering bosses a special half-price discount if they have a meal with their administrative professional.

These are just some ideas for how we can improve our base and ourselves. The list of suggestions is endless but it's all at your fingertips. Take advantage of these opportunities.

As a final note, I would like to thank the community support of the **Solano Athletic Clubs** and the **Travis**



Lefforge

Regional Armed Forces Committee.

The Solano Athletic Clubs are offering eight-day passes to help alleviate the inconvenience of the partial closure of the base fitness center through May 2. The pass is \$15 and this fee can be applied towards the enrollment fee. Only 100 passes are available through the Travis exercise center on a first-come, first-served basis. The support of local businesses is invaluable and their efforts make accomplishing our duties that much easier. We are all eager for the new fitness center to fully open but keep in mind that when it is finally unveiled, it will have more room, better equipment and enhanced classes.

TRAFIC has always been one of the strongest supporters and strongest voices for a better Travis. Tonight, they are hosting the **Solano Trophy Banquet**. The Solano Trophy is truly coveted within 15th Air Force because it recognizes total team performance...specifically, the top wing in the command. Recognition is very important in the Air Force and TRAFIC is key to many of our award programs. Additionally, TRAFIC is sponsoring the **NCO Appreciation Night** next month. Thanks for keeping esprit de corps alive.

Together, the members of Team Travis and our local community supporters have made air mobility more versatile and stronger than ever. The current war on terrorism has brought our mission to the forefront, making the role of Travis more and more important. Our performance proves that no one does air mobility better than the military-community team right here. Thanks for keeping Team Travis America's First Choice!

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ON THE COVER: Col. Dave Lefforge, Commander of the 60th Air Mobility Wing passes the guidon to Col. Susan Desjardins during the 60th Operations Group Change of Command Ceremony. For more on this story, see Page 3.

Ops Group change of command marks historical milestone

By 1st Lt. Angela Arredondo
60th AMW Public Affairs

A women's history milestone was surpassed during the 60th Operations Group change of command April 18 in Hangar P-14. Col. Susan Desjardins succeeded Col. Janet Therianos as commander of the 60th Operations Group, the first time an Air Force group command has been passed from a female U.S. Air Force Academy graduate to another female academy graduate.

"These are busy times. We are at war. The men and women of the 60th OG have performed superbly," Therianos said.

Desjardins and Therianos are graduates of the U.S. Air Force Academy Class of 1980, the first class to include women.

"I couldn't be more thrilled. I'm very positive. [Therianos] will be a tough act to follow," Desjardins said.

Desjardins was most recently the chief of the Nuclear Treaties Branch in the Deputy Directorate for International Negotiations, J-5, Strategic Plans and Policy Joint Staff at the Pentagon. The colonel is a command pilot with nearly 3,500 hours of flying in the KC-135A, T-37, KC-10 and KC-135R.

Therianos will serve as the senior military assistant to the Secretary of the Air Force at the Pentagon. She has served as the commander of the 60th OG since July 2000.

"As she becomes senior military assistant to Secretary Roche, the Air Force gains a magnificent officer who will have a positive influence on the evolution of air power in the 21st century. With one voice, the 14,000 men and women of Team Travis send our gratitude and best wishes with J.T. and (her husband) Jim as they head off to the Pentagon," Col. David Lefforge, 60th AMW commander, said during the ceremony.

The 60th OG is the largest operational group in AMC. The group includes about 1,400 people and operates 37 C-5 Galaxy and 27 KC-10 Extender aircraft valued at more than \$6.5 billion.

"When America absolutely, positively had to have something delivered somewhere on this globe in a matter of hours, our nation's leaders haven't called Federal Express. They've relied instead on the team that proudly calls itself 'America's First Choice' ... making Travis operators an essential ingredient of the massive Global Reach capability that takes our country to the fight," Lefforge said. "I'm pleased to say that our Air Force has given us two women who — having proven themselves heroes in their own right — have also proven themselves equal to the task of being a leader and a champion for a new generation of heroes."



Col. Susan Desjardins talks to the military and civilian audience after receiving the Command of the 60th Operations Group.

Nan Wylie / Visual Information

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Air Force wings to undergo major reorganization



Gen. John Jumper

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— Gen. John Jumper
Air Force Chief of Staff

By TSgt. Scott Elliott
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The way Air Force wings are organized will undergo major changes beginning Oct. 1. Those changes include creation of a new maintenance group, restructuring support groups and reducing the taskings of operations groups.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper directed Monday that all Air Force active-duty, Reserve and Air National Guard wings adopt the new standard wing structure to enhance the service's warfighting capabilities.

"After careful deliberations with major command commanders, we reached a decision on a new wing organizational structure that will standardize operations across the Air Force and enhance our expeditionary capabilities," Jumper said.

The five major changes involved in the standard wing concept include:

► All aircraft and space maintenance specialists currently assigned to operations and logistics groups will be reassigned to a newly created maintenance group.

► Supply and transportation squadrons will be combined to form logistics readiness squadrons.

► Contracting squadrons, aerial ports and LRSS will transfer into existing support groups, which will be

renamed "mission support group."

► Logistics plans functions will transfer to the newly created LRSSs.

► The logistics readiness officer career field initiative, which combines three officer career fields — supply, transportation and logistics plans — has new accessions beginning this month.

"My vision is that the groups in our wings will focus on their essential core capabilities," Jumper said.

"Operation of air and space weapons systems is a core competency of the U.S. Air Force," Jumper said. "Operations group activities focus on planning and executing air and space power. Commanders of operations groups are charged with leading their units in combat."

"They will continue to be considered leaders and role models in the tactical employment of their weapons systems," he said. "The Air Force has also recognized the emerging necessity to more closely integrate tactical skills with execution at the operational level of war. Commanders of operations groups will be increasingly involved in planning and training for the operational level of war."

"Maintenance of air and space weapons systems is (also) a core competency of the U.S. Air Force, Jumper said. "Aging fleets and years of resource shortfalls require increased attention to

the balance of sortie production and health of our fleets. This requires career maintenance professionals able to develop the same level of skill and proficiency demanded of our operations, logistics and medical professionals.

"Mission support, in the expeditionary, rapid reaction, contingency-based Air Force of today is (another) core competency," he said. "The Air Force will develop a career path for commanders who understand the full scope of home station employment and sustainment, and deployment, beddown and sustainment at contingency locations: crisis actions, force protection, unit type code preparation, load planning, contracting actions, bare base and tent city preparation, munitions site planning, personnel readiness expeditionary combat support, etc."

Medical groups, Jumper said, will continue to focus on maintaining a fit and ready force. There will be no change to the structure of medical groups.

Jumper set Sept. 30, 2003, as the target date to achieve full operational capability.

"I fully understand the magnitude of these changes," he said. "The goal is to achieve a more capable Air Force with professionals who understand and are capable of meeting our ever-increasing complex mission."

NEWS NOTES

Solano Trophy Banquet

The 15th Air Force and the Travis Regional Armed Forces Committee are pleased to host the fifth Annual Solano Trophy Banquet tonight at the Delta Breeze Club. The Solano Trophy, presented by the Travis Regional Armed Forces Committee, recognizes the best active duty, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve units in Fifteenth Air Force. Look for the winners in next week's edition of the Tailwind.

Safe & Sober

The Vanden High School Safe and Sober Grad Night Committee will be selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts Saturday at the Commissary starting at 9 a.m.

Awards ceremony

The next quarterly awards ceremony is scheduled for Thursday at 8 a.m. in the Base Theater. For more information, and uniform requirements, contact SSgt. Jason Lowery at 424-5005.

Power outage

A power outage is scheduled for Sunday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information on the effected buildings and times, call 424-2575.

All schools grad night

Personnel graduating from an off base school this semester should contact Stephanie Beebe at 424-1735 or e-mail at stephanie.beebe@travis.af.mil to ensure proper recognition at the all schools graduation May 24.

Notice of deceased

The Installation Commander regrets to inform you of the recent death of SrA Kristopher L. Joyce, assigned to the 660th Aircraft Generation Squadron, Travis AFB, Calif. 94535. Persons having indebtedness to or claims against the estate of the deceased are requested to contact Capt Denny Lozano, summary court officer at 424 4-0155.

Young Eagles Rally

The Experimental Aviation Association, Chapter 1230, the Solano Pilots Association and the Lee A. Archer Jr. Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen are jointly sponsoring a Young Eagles Rally. The rally gives youth, between the ages of 8 and 17, the opportunity to experience the thrill of flight. The event is scheduled for Saturday at the Nut Tree Airport in Vacaville beginning at 7:30 a.m.

For more information, contact retired Lt.Col. James C. Warren at 448-0823.

Environmental Flight, Team Travis celebrate Earth Day



Nan Wylie / Visual Information

"Mr. Habitat" helps Scandia School students and teachers learn about the earth's environment through a sing-a-long song. He visited the three elementary schools to celebrate Earth Day at Travis.

(Below) Deputy Civil Engineer John Schopf, Chris Bohn from 60th Civil Engineer Squadron and Bruce James, from Environmental Flight, hold an ash tree steady for planter Bob Holmes. The tree was planted in celebration of Arbor Day and Earth Day.



Andie Kohn / Visual Information

Dolores Tiburcio
60th Civil Engineer Squadron

"Habitat. Have to have a habitat. Habitat. Have to have a habitat. Habitat. Ya have to have a habitat to carry on."

Music from environmental troubadour Bill "Mr. Habitat" Oliver filled the multipurpose rooms of all three elementary schools April 16 as the base held its eighth annual Earth Day program.

More than 700 Kindergarten, first-, second- and third-grade students from Center, Scandia and Travis elementary schools sang and danced to environmental messages designed to

increase their awareness about the earth's precious natural resources. Mr. Habitat's songs coincided with the Earth Day 2002 theme "A Healthy Habitat For Our Kids"

"My objective is to change our relationship with the environment," Oliver said. "We need to live a gentler life with the plants and wildlife. Our environment is being threatened because we're using up so many resources. I perform for the children so they have fun — a party with a purpose."

The event wasn't all about song and dance; it was designed to educate the students about recycling habits they can incorporate into their daily lives to protect and preserve the environment.

Travis career fair educates, recruits teens

By 1st Lt. Angela Arredondo
60th AMW Public Affairs

The second annual Travis Air Force Base Education-to-Career Day on April 18 brought about 500 high school seniors from 16 Solano County high schools to Hangar 818 for a first-hand look at employment after graduation.

"The event assists northern California recruiters in attracting best-qualified new airmen to Air Force ranks, provides students with resources for education or career decision-making, allows one-on-one interface between students and career field representatives and enhances community relations," Senior MSgt Michael Shih said. Shih helped organize the event.

"By holding the event on the base, Travis is serving its community and its own recruiting efforts at the same time. It is an 'all win' situation for everyone," said Dr. Jacki Cottingim, Superintendent of Travis Unified School District.

The day kicked off at the Travis Theater as the students were welcomed and received a briefing outlining the day's events. Following the briefing, the students went to Hangar 818 along the flight line for aircraft tours of the C-5 Galaxy and the KC-10 Extender and a

variety of base displays and demonstrations.

"It is so much better to see a particular job being performed rather than just hearing about it when a recruiter comes to a school. Additionally, students can see examples of careers even if they do not intend to join the military — a hospital is a hospital. Some students who come to the day expecting not to be interested in a military career find that they are interested after seeing the demonstrations and experiencing the environment of the base," Cottingim said.

People throughout the base contributed to the event. For example, members of the 60th Security Forces showcased the abilities of Travis working dogs and Life Support let students ride in a parachute harness. Additionally, students saw several medical and dental displays from the 60th Medical Group. They spoke with medical experts and some even learned how to set a cast.

Although the U.S. Air Force hosts this event at Travis annually, Education-to-Career Day also emphasizes several careers that can be found in both the civilian sector and within the U.S. military. Some displays focused on educational opportunities and local businesses

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Superintendent of Travis Unified School District

not associated with Travis. Representatives from some of Solano County's largest employers, like the fire department, were made available for the students to learn about a broad range of careers to pursue after high school graduation.

"Each time the event is held, we learn a little more about how to improve it. The drill team this year was a big hit and caused students to focus on the career offered after their interest had been intensified by the precision and teamwork of the elite team. I want to thank Col. Lefforge for hosting this event in the post 9-11 atmosphere. It shows a real commitment to our community," Cottingim said.

Military Personnel and Immediate Family

To reach members of your family in times of emergency need, call the American Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Service Center toll-free at (877) 272-7337.



American Red Cross

ALS graduates 70 Travis airmen

Tailwind staff

Travis' Airman Leadership School graduated 70 senior airmen April 18 at the Delta Breeze Club.

The graduates are:

660th Aircraft Generation Squadron

Bryce Sewalson, Thomas Fisher, Stephen Hosmer, Timothy Mullinax, Matthew Phillips, Richard Bellinder, Mitchell Gibson, Ericka Farley, Sharmaine Lomax

60th Aircraft Generation Squadron

John Gibson, Bryan Henley, Brandon Clark, John Lamb

60th Component Repair Squadron

Richard Holbert, Randy Van Horn, Scott Orton, Brett Wheeler, Victor Follis, Lillian Moll

60th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Robert Repplinger, Harold Gunelson, Michele Ott

60th Operations Support Squadron

Marc Leistico, Sandra Spoon, Joshua DesRoches, Danielle Maxey, Lola Luzar

21st Airlift Squadron

Frances Benitez

22nd AS

Cynthia Virrey

6th Air Refueling Squadron

Donald Myers

60th Civil Engineer Squadron

Christopher Bunch, Scott Schroeffer, James Anderson, Carl Castro, Jonathan Niimi, Maria Jorjet Potier

60th Communications Squadron

Allen Spoon, Michelle Chavez, Michelle Almarode

60th Security Forces Squadron

Clinton Sizemore, Levi Plant, Joshua Amoroso, Mickel Sexton, Samuel Flynn

60th Medical Support Squadron

Tyra Harris, Nalani Bowen

60th Medical Operations Squadron

Michael Capshaw, Kelly Barrows

60th Diagnostics & Therapeutics Squadron

Christine Gomien, Marvin Morris, Brenda Chisum

60th Surgical Operations Squadron

Aubri Riley, Leo Ishoda

60th Air Mobility Wing

Marianne Foxx

60th Supply Squadron

Michael Raivala, Damon Jackson, Kenneth Eads Jr., Patricia Tinney

■ SEE **ALS GRADS** ON PAGE 10

Thirty Travis airmen receive early promotions

Tailwind Staff

Thirty airmen first class were recently selected to senior airman below the zone.

The selectees are:

60th Operations Group

Daniel Scruton, 60th Aerial Port Squadron
Joshua Roe, 60th APS
Willie Morton Jr., 9th Air Refueling Squadron
Heather Hart, 21st Airlift Squadron

60th Logistics Group

Roger Valentin, 60th Equipment Maintenance Squadron
Quintin Perez, 60th EMS
Jason Barron, 60th EMS
John Pulliam, 60th Aircraft Generation Squadron

Richard Taylor, 60th AGS
Mathias Bauman, 60th Component Repair Squadron

John Posey, 60th Supply Squadron
Chantee Smith, 60th SUPS
Kiley Ayoso, 660th AGS
Jacques Boulter, 660th AGS
Jesse Childers, 660th AGS
Steven Kadel, 660 AGS
Courtney Jordan, 60th Logistics Support Squadron

60th Support Group

Travis Kittrell, 60th Security Forces Squadron

Gregory Morse, 60th SFS
Larry Mitchell Jr., 60th Communications Squadron
Jennifer Montgomery, 60th CS
Dina Giralt, 60th Civil Engineer Squadron
Chloe Cordero, 60th Services Squadron

60th Medical Group

John Paul Marquez, 60th Medical Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron
Jennifer Stinson, 60th Aerospace Medicine Squadron
Dorothy Demelo, 60th Surgical Operations Squadron
Tami Quillen, 60th MSGS
John Davenport, 60th Medical Operations Squadron

Air Mobility Command Band of the Golden West

Jeremy Martin

615th Air Mobility Operations Group

Jeremia Patka, 715th Air Mobility Squadron





SSgt. P.J. Farlin / AFIE

Order arms: OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM (AFIE) – Four Canadian Forces members killed supporting Operation Enduring Freedom receive honors during a fallen soldier ceremony performed by U.S. and Canadian Forces members at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, Saturday. The four soldiers were killed in a bombing accident in Afghanistan April 17.

Classifieds work!
Call 425-4646

ALS GRADS / From Page 7

60th Comptroller Squadron

Marlon Bruce

815th Air Mobility Squadron

Alexander Braithwaite, Preston Ebert

311th Training Squadron, Defense Language Institute, Monterey, Calif.

Amanda Settele, Jacob Williams, Aliscia Martin

Air Force Element, Defense Language Institute, Monterey, Calif.

Donna Smith

349th Logistics Support Squadron

Michael Olson, Charlie Pachec

349th Civil Engineer Squadron

Michael Thompson

349th Memorial Affairs Squadron

Ganell Lewis

349th Aircraft Generation Squadron

Joshua Bryant

The special award winners are:

» Allen Spoon, 60th Communications Squadron, John Levitow Award winner. » Richard Holbert, 60th Component Repair Squadron; Sandra E. Spoon 60th Operations Support Squadron; Brenda Chisum, 60th Diagnostics & Therapeutics Squadron; Michelle Almarode, 60th CS; Joshua DesRoches, 60th OSS and Scott Schroeffer, 60th Civil Engineer Squadron were selected as Distinguished Graduates. » Schoepfer was also named as the Leadership Award winner.

GOT AN INTERESTING STORY IDEA?
Call 424-2011.

Fitness

Air Force mission

By Linda Mann
60th Services Squadron

Fitness is part of the Air Force way of life, and May Fitness Month has been an Air Force tradition for 17 years. This year's theme is Mission Fitness, and Travis has plans to involve the entire community in fun events and activities to help people stay in shape and get fit.

The goal is to encourage people to find more ways to incorporate fitness in their daily life, things like eating a healthy lunch from the Travis Pizzeria while skating at the Skating Center or using the climbing wall at Outdoor Rec.

"We tried to think of all the little things people can do each day that make exercise fun," said physical fitness specialist Barbara Hickenbottom.

A point value is assigned to each fitness activity during the month. Participants accumulate points on a punch card, and when the card is full it can be submitted for local prizes and the Air Force-wide grand prize drawing for a trip for two to Jamaica or the Bahamas. The grand prize includes airfare and hotel accommodations.

The 2002 program, sponsored in part by Gatorade and Stair-Master, includes favorite activities from last year and a few new local events. Earn points by taking part in the Aerobathon, Viking Challenge and Armed Forces Day 5K Run/Walk. Exercise by taking a fitness class, bowling, a few rounds of golf or skating.

"We want to encourage nutrition and fitness education as part of the program too," Hickenbottom said. "So we are punching cards for buying a smoothie from our new Smoothie Island, eating a featured salad at the Pizzeria, getting a fitness assessment and attending Health and Wellness Center events."

Visit the Fitness Center when they unveil their newly renovated facility May 3 and pick up a Mission Fitness punch card and a list of participating activities and scheduled events. Don't forget to come to the ribbon cutting ceremony May 13 at the Fitness Center to receive points. Punch cards will also be available at Travis Bowl, Outdoor Rec, the HAWC and all other participating activities.

May Fitness Month events are designed for adults, and individuals must be at least 18 years old to be eligible for the grand prize.

Completed punch cards must be turned in to the Fitness Center by May 31 to be eligible for prizes.

For more information on May Fitness Month, call the Fitness Center at 424-2008 or visit them on the web at www.60thservices.com.

The Fitness Center's Aerobathon will be held on May 13 after the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Fitness Center. Everyone who participates in the Aerobathon will earn a point on their May Fitness Month punch card and be one step closer to winning a trip to Jamaica or the Bahamas.



Courtesy photo

HOMETOWN NEWS RELEASES

Fill out the Department of Defense Form 2266 and bring it in to the Public Affairs Office in Bldg. 51, Room 232.

Legal offers advice for car buyers

View Point

Capt. Elizabeth Hadden
Base Legal Office

You are finally ready to buy a new car and get rid of your old clunker. You go to the dealer, and he talks you into the car of your dreams. He also says he can get you a low monthly payment and a decent interest rate. He hands you the keys, and you drive home in your new car. Two weeks later, after you have put several hundred miles on the new car, the dealer calls you saying, "Sorry, you didn't qualify for the interest rate we signed you up for. You have to return the vehicle."

Yes, this can happen to you. Often in the contract to sign at the dealership is a clause called "subject to financing." Everyone thinks that once they sign papers and drive off, the deal is done, but it's far from over. Instead, the contract is not actually finalized until a buyer's financing is approved by a lender.

How can you avoid this problem? Get your own financing before going to the dealer. If you get your own financing, then the car will truly be yours when you drive it home. You will also have a stronger bargaining position since you are not dependent on the dealership to buy the car. You can take your money elsewhere if they don't agree to your terms. The sale will be conducted the way it's supposed to be: based on the selling price of the car, not on the amount of the monthly payment. If you do decide to finance through a car dealer, leave a deposit on your credit card. Do not take delivery of the car until you know the bank has accepted your loan and processed it. Even

though the dealer might offer you the option to take the car right away, don't do it!

Sources of financing.

► **Your bank:** Ask the customer service representative how much money they will lend you and what the bank's current APR (interest rate) is. Compare your bank's rate with other banks in the local area by checking the business section in the Sunday or Monday newspaper. You may also want to compare these rates with ones available on the Internet.

► **Credit unions:** Your credit union can approve your loan over the phone. They will print out your credit report during the call. Most do not require a security deposit, down payment, or other fees. Additionally, credit unions are generous with mileage allowances. Credit unions can also deduct the monthly payments from your paycheck, if you so choose.

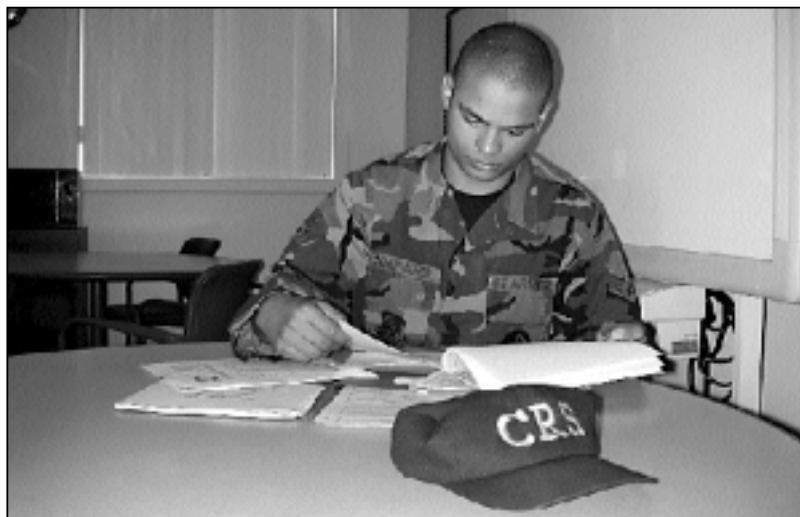
► **Family:** Your family can also be a good source of financing for automobiles, though this will not help you build your credit.

► **Car financing at the dealer:** Dealers provide financing from local banks or subsidized financing from the car maker. Generally, these sources charge higher interest rates than other banks or credit unions. If you finance at the dealer, wait until you receive confirmation of your financing and interest rate before you drive the car home.

Remember, avoid surprises. Get a copy of your credit report before going to any lender. You can get this online from companies such as Equifax, Qspace, or TrueCredit.

For more information on buying or financing the purchase of a car, contact the Family Services Center or Base Legal Office at 424-3251.

Travis airman will SOAR



A1C Alice Moore / 60th AMW Public Affairs

SrA. Anthony Schumacher, an aerospace ground equipment journeyman, 60th Component Repair Squadron, has recently been accepted for the SOAR commissioning program. Participants are released from active duty to become full-time college students.

Hard work, dedication help mechanic reach life-long goal

By A1C Alice Moore
60th AMW Public Affairs

A Travis airman has been awarded the Scholarship for Outstanding Airmen to the Reserve Officer Training Corps.

SrA. Anthony Schumacher, aerospace ground equipment journeyman for the 60th Component Repair Squadron, has been awarded a scholarship of \$15,000 a year for two years to complete a bachelor of science degree in industrial technology, he said.

The SOAR program offers active-duty personnel the chance to earn a commission while completing their bachelor's degree as an Air Force ROTC cadet. The scholarship is a commander's program to select enlisted members for commissioning.

"He's well deserving of it," said SSgt. Darren Horner, who is Schumacher's immediate supervisor. "He's a 150 percent go-getter."

The 22-year-old Green Bay, Wis., native has been part of the Air Force team for three- and-a-half years and has always had a desire to be a full-time college student.

"I looked into all of the different ways I could receive a commission," said Schumacher. "The SOAR program gives me the chance to fulfill one of my goals of being a full-time college student."

Schumacher adds that since his enlistment in the Air Force, he's been able to obtain 101 college hours towards his degree.

"My initial plan was to enlist and start college after my time was done with the money from my GI bill," he said.

However, Schumacher realized once he was in the Air Force, beginning classes didn't seem to be a bad idea.

"I didn't think I would have been able to be so close to a degree at this point in my life," he said.

After two months of researching, preparing to take the Air Force Officer Qualifying Test and

getting with his supervisors to put together a package, Schumacher says his efforts are well worth it.

"I tell people that if you really want something in life you have to go after it and make it happen. Anyone who wants something like this can do it. However, I do recommend anyone interested should start gathering information as early as possible because the process is pretty long."

Not only has Schumacher worked hard to receive his scholarship, throughout his enlisted career he's always had the desire to work hard.

Schumacher has spent two years as president of the wing dormitory council working to improve the quality of life for all residents there.

"My supervisors have always told me if I didn't like something or thought I could make things better, I should take the initiative to do something about it. That's why I spent time on the dorm council. With the help of others I was able to make a difference."

Senior leadership has also made some observations on Schumacher's efforts.

"He was deployed in our first wave of Operation Enduring Freedom taskings where he performed admirably and made significant contributions to combat operations," said Maj. Michael Novotny 60th CRS commander. "He is truly deserving of this honor and will soon become an outstanding officer."

Schumacher adds he is grateful to the Air Force for his recent window of opportunity and feels he owes back a great deal.

"I love what I do now for the Air Force, I think this scholarship will give me a chance to do even more for the Air Force."

Schumacher says he will be attending Southern Illinois University beginning in August.

For more information on commissioning opportunities, contact the Base Education Center at 424-3444 or go to www.afrotc.com.

Announcement

Birth announcement

SSgt. Ulises Aguirre and Jessica Dawn announce the birth of their daughter Catherine Isabel, born March 31.

APAH month events

▲ Kick-off luncheon and fashion show at the Delta Breeze Club, Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Maj. Gen. Rodney Kobayashi is the featured speaker. Tickets are \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members.

▲ No-tap bowling tournament at the Travis Bowling Center, May 3 at noon.

▲ Basketball tournament at the Fitness Center, May 11 and 12.

▲ Church social at the Chapel, May 12 after all services.

▲ Lunchtime entertainment at the David Grant Medical Center, May 16.

▲ Tae Kwon Do demonstration, white elephant and food sale, May 18 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

▲ Retreat, May 23.

▲ Luau banquet at the DBC, May 31 from 6 to 10 p.m. Assemblyman Christopher Calabaldon is the guest speaker and South C's and Red Panda will entertain. The cost is \$25 for members and \$28 for non-members.

Services

Today

▲ The Mongoose Dirtheads will be at the Travis Skate Park from 4 to 7 p.m. for a skating demonstration and safety clinic. Admission is free, but pre-registration is required for the clinic as seating is limited. Call the Youth Center 424-5392 for more information.

▲ The enlisted and officers' lounges will be moved to the Travis Conference Center due to a special function at the Delta Breeze Club.

Saturday

▲ Parents and caregivers are invited to the Enhancing our Children conference from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Youth Center. Call Alan Tornay at 424-5400 for details.

▲ Youth, ages 11 and up, are invited to a Red Cross certification class for babysitters from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Teen Zone. Call the Youth Center at 424-5392 to register.

Sunday

▲ The DBC is closed for building maintenance.

Monday

▲ Lunchtime fitness and delivery kicks off with lunch from the Pizzeria delivered to the Outdoor Recreation climbing wall or the Travis Skating Center. Visit www.60thservices.com for more information.

Tuesday

▲ Have breakfast with your child at the three Child Development Centers at 8 a.m.

▲ Club card drawing at the DBC is from 5 to 6 p.m. Members must be present to win the jackpot.

Wednesday — May 4

▲ Celebrate Cinco de Mayo all week long at the DBC. Special prices on beverages every day with a nacho and fajita bar May 3 from 5 to 6 p.m.

Thursday

▲ The 60th Support Group will hold a golf tournament at Cypress Lakes Golf Course. Call Troy Delfs at 424-0184 to sign up.

Thursday

This is the last day to pre-register for the refresher class at the Frame Shop. Re-learn framing from start to finish May 4 from 9 a.m. to noon in a refresher course intended for those already certified to use the equipment in the Frame Shop. Students must pre-register. The fee is \$15. Call 424-1338 for more information.

Family Support

Monday

▲ Spouse employment orientation is from 9 to 10 a.m. for newly arrived spouses. Learn about employment and career development programs at the Family Support Center. Call 424-2486.

Tuesday

▲ The Bundles 'N' Books for Babies class is from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the FSC. Call 424-2486.

Wednesday

▲ WIC representatives will be at the FSC from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only. Call 435-2200.

Thursday

▲ The Professional Growth and Development class for airmen (E-3 and below) who want to succeed in the Air Force is from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the FSC. Call 424-2486.

▲ The skills and self assessment class is from 8 a.m. to noon for all job seekers.

Explore different career paths based on personality type, skills, abilities and interests. Call 424-2486.

▲ WIC representatives will be at the FSC from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only. Call 435-2200.

▲ The budgeting and credit class is from 9 to 11 a.m. at the FSC. Call 424-2486.

Weekly

▲ Receive assistance searching for a job at the FSC. Gain job-hunting skills and obtain information about employment in the local area. Also, certified typing tests are given at no charge. For details or to make an appointment call 424-2486.

▲ Spouses of active-duty members wishing to attend newcomer's orientation may be reimbursed for child-care costs. For specific details, call the FSC's relocation assistance office at 424-2486.

▲ Obtain college financial aid leads from the FSC through a computer data system. Scholarship Resource Network is a free service for college-bound and in-college Travis personnel, their spouses and children planning to attend undergraduate, graduate, or post-graduate colleges and universities. The network contains various types of financial leads, such as scholarships, grants, loans, fellowships and work-study programs. For more details, call 424-2486.

Family Advocacy

Family wellness

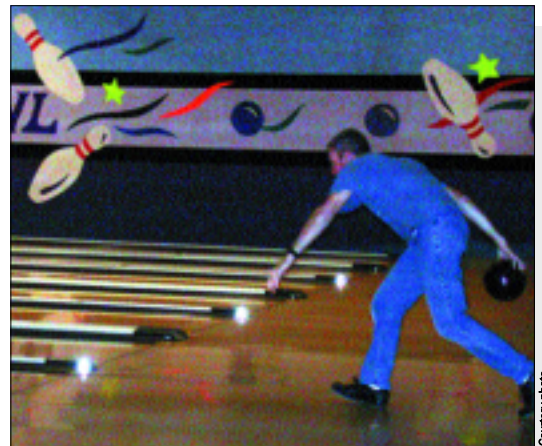
Family Wellness is a program for families held Tuesdays 6 to 8 p.m. discussing parents and children in healthy families, couples in healthy families, changes in children as they grow, solving family problems and passing on family values. Call the Family Advocacy office to register at 423-5168.

Parenting classes

Common Sense Parenting is a program for parents of children 3 years old and older. Topics include effective praise for good behavior, preventing problems before they occur and stopping problem behavior. Classes are at the David Grant Medical Center Wednesdays from 2 to 4 p.m. and last six weeks. Call the FA office to register at 423-5168.

New parent support

The New Parent Support Program offers support, referral services, education and information on a variety of subjects such as pregnancy, childbirth, fatherhood, newborn care, mother/baby care, growth and



On a roll: Summer leagues are forming at the Travis Bowling Center and play starts as early as mid-May. Sign up folders are on a table in the lobby. Call Travis Bowl at 437-4737 for more information.

development, playgroups, breastfeeding/bottle feeding, nursing mom's program, parenting and more. Participants will also receive free books, tapes and CDs. Held on Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the FA clinic. Call 423-5168.

Management class

The Family Advocacy Program invites you to participate in the next self-management class to learn effective ways to manage anger. The seven-week course is held on Tuesday evenings from 4 to 5 p.m. at DGMCC. Active-duty members and their spouses are encouraged to attend. Seating is limited, so call the FA office at 423-5168 to register.

Couples class

Couples Communication is a program designed to help couples improve communication, conflict management and problem solving skills. The five-week course is held on Tuesday evenings from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the DGMCC. Call FA to register at 423-5168.

Chapel

Catholic services

▲ Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m., communion service or Mass, Chapel Center.

▲ Thursday, noon, Catholic communion service, DGMCC Chapel.

▲ Saturday, 4 to 4:45 p.m., confessions, Chapel One.

▲ Saturday Mass, 5 p.m., Chapel One.

▲ Sunday Mass, 9 a.m., Chapel One.

▲ Sunday, 9 a.m., children's liturgy of the Word, Chapel One.

▲ Sunday Mass, 12:30 p.m., Chapel Center.

Protestant services

▲ Friday, noon, 30-minute worship service, DGMCC Chapel.

▲ Sunday, 8 a.m., community worship service, Chapel Center.

▲ Sunday, 10:30 a.m., community worship service, Chapel Center. Nursery class for kids 3 months to 3 years.

▲ Sunday, 11 a.m., community Gospel service, Chapel One.

Jewish services

First Fridays, 7 p.m., Sabbath services and third Saturdays, 10 a.m. Sabbath services are temporarily meeting off-base. Call 424-3217 for locations.

Inside Out services

Sundays, 6 p.m., rock and praise-style worship. Chapel One.

Wicca classes

Classes are held at various locations and times due to deployments. E-mail Beitane@prodigy.net for current information.

Special observance

The 51st annual National Day of Prayer, established by an act of Congress, is an annual event for Americans of all faiths to take time to pray for our nation and its leaders. The Travis Chapel team will have a special prayer service Thursday at Chapel One from 7 to 8 p.m. All faiths are welcome.

Hand-to-hand

More Security Forces members

(Right), Michael T. Moseley, martial arts black belt and self-defense instructor, demonstrates the use of a wrist lock to take down an opponent in order to handcuff him. Moseley is the primary hand-to-hand instructor for the 60th Security Forces quarterly training. (Far right), SSgt. John Chandler, in the white shirt, an SFS instructor, helps students understand the correct application of a leg lock, used to subdue an opponent on the ground, allowing another officer to handcuff him. (Below), SRA. Angela Menor, right, SFS member, practices a wrist take down.



Nan Wylie / Visual Information



and combat

ers prepare for deployment

Tailwind staff

For members of the 60th Security Forces Squadron, being placed in harm's way is a daily reality. However, without the proper training, even these die-hard individuals would feel uneasy being sent to a forward operating location in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Since Sept. 11 the SFS has curtailed routine training, focusing on a timely response to the war on terror. Monday, a group of 15 SFS personnel, in preparation for deployment, assembled at the Exercise Center for specific training — hand-to-hand combat.

"It's very important to bring their training up to speed," said SrA. David Hartman, a trainer with the 60th SFS.

The hand-to-hand training class is a part of the larger Ground Combat Skills program.

"We've had to localize a lot of our GCS training to get these guys ready to deploy," said TSgt. Chris Miller, NCOIC of SFS training.

Miller said that on top of the hand-to-hand training, SFS personnel also go through a class teaching the implementation of the expandable baton that is carried during deployment. In this class, a trainer dressed in a red padded suit, affectionately known as "Red Man," is the target of the baton counter attacks. In the hand-to-hand classes, the students have only each other.

Michael T. Moseley, the Fairfield Daily Republic's military liaison to the Tailwind and long-time martial arts instructor, was brought in to teach weaponless combat and a class he calls the mechanics of arrest.

Moseley has been studying martial arts for 41 years and holds black belts in five different styles. Moseley has also taught his mechanics of arrest class to officers of the Napa and Vallejo police departments.

"I try to teach law enforcement officers everything they need to know in case they're attacked by either a striker or a grappler," Moseley said. "The main concern for them is always the same — protect their

weapon. Don't let it fall into the wrong hands."

Therefore, every self-defense movement taught by Moseley is designed to keep the attacker from taking the officer's weapon and using it against him.

Moseley uses parallels from personal experiences and those related by other police organizations to set the stage for each technique.

Moseley stood astride one of the students as he demonstrated: "You've seen those cop shows on TV where a perpetrator has been taken to the ground and there are six cops on his back trying to hold him down while they try to get cuffs on him. Someone's usually yelling, 'Somebody grab his legs!' The perp's usually flopping and kicking, and they're having a hard time getting him cuffed. I'm going to show you a technique that will allow two of you to subdue your opponent and cuff him. No problems. You won't even work up a sweat."

"It was a great class," said SrA. Cyrus Villarosa, one of the students. "I learned a lot. We need more of this."

"It's important that these guys get quality training," Moseley said. "There is no one style of martial arts that is the end-all for their problems. They need to know how to strike and evade or take an opponent to the ground and subdue them quickly.

They don't have time to get into a 20-minute kung-fu fight just to take someone into custody.

Also, there's the matter of not using excessive force while making an arrest. The easier it is for the officer to subdue them, the easier it is on everybody."

In the class, Moseley concentrated on techniques that are predicated on pain compliance, that is, when a joint is twisted or bent unnaturally, it causes the victim to move in a predictable way — allowing the arresting officer to "drive" the perpetrator into the desired position.

"Even if the perp doesn't respond to the pain, the technique locks the joint so he can't move anyway," Moseley said.

"These techniques are good to know," said SSgt. John Chandler, an SFS trainer. "The more we learn, the better we can do our jobs."

Several of Monday's students were Reservists from other parts of California, some belonging to civilian law enforcement agencies.

One Reservist from the San Francisco Police Department said that he would gladly take back what he learned at Travis to share with fellow officers in his unit.

The SFS personnel who attended Moseley's self-defense class are scheduled to deploy in late May.



Martial arts instructor Michael T. Moseley, center, teaches SrA Cyrus Villarosa, left, the proper way to employ a standing wrist lock on a would-be attacker.

RAF Wg. Cdr. Fred Harbottle, left, assists a student in one of his spinning classes. Harbottle teaches spinning classes every Tuesday and Thursday at the Exercise Center.



1st Lt. Angela Arredondo / 60th AMW Public Affairs

British officer pedals for Fisher House fund

By 1st Lt. Angela Arredondo
60th AMW Public Affairs

The British are coming! The British are coming! Paul Revere's famous words could apply to Royal Air Force Wing Commander Fred Harbottle as he hits the road for a 1,000-mile charity bike ride next week. The British exchange officer is riding 100 miles for 10 consecutive days starting Wednesday to raise money for two aid organizations, and to bid farewell to Travis before he returns to the United Kingdom in July.

"I have enjoyed a two-and-a-half-year tour here with the 15th Air Force here at Travis and by way of a minor payback to my host, I am planning a millennium charity bike ride to benefit Fisher House and the Not Forgotten Association, a charity patroned by Queen Elizabeth II," Harbottle said.

The Fisher House provides complimentary lodging to families of patients receiving treatment at David Grant Medical Center. The Not Forgotten Association helps servicemen and women who need financial assistance due to physical or mental disability.

"The Not Forgotten Association is supported by the Queen's Club, a group of serving and retired officers of all services and many nations which meets

every two months at Alameda Naval Air Station. I have written to 300 of the members for charitable donations," Harbottle said.

The athletic officer would also like to raise money through business or organizational sponsorship. His goal is to have one business sponsor each day or to have several businesses sponsor the entire trip. He is also willing to wear logos or signs for promotion. Ray's Cycle, Big Valley Mortgage of Vacaville and the Travis Credit Union have committed to sponsoring the charity bike ride but Harbottle is seeking more.

Harbottle is the 15th AF deputy chief of Standardization and Evaluation. When he is not overseeing the flying standards of all active duty, Reserve and Air National Guard air mobility aircraft west of the Mississippi River, the fitness enthusiast can be found cycling on the road or in the gym.

"I started biking at age 34 after I gave up rugby and basketball. I was looking for another sport and was encouraged to do a triathlon which led to my interest in cycling," Harbottle said. "My recent interest in cycling has been reinvigorated by becoming a spinning instructor at the Travis Fitness Center. If there is anyone out there worried about their fitness test, they should join one

of the many core indoor cycling classes and their worries will be over."

It will take Harbottle about six and a half to seven hours each day to cycle 100 miles. However, a strong delta breeze could add an hour to the ride. Each day he will take a different route, completing each ride at his home, however, he will finish the last ride at the Travis Fitness Center, hoping to arrive May 10 at around 3 p.m.

The total distance will be 1,000 miles, but Harbottle is prepared. He has completed 35 Olympic distance events and teaches a 50-minute spinning class for the 15th AF every Tuesday and Thursday. The distance he is covering is about the same as the distance from Sacramento to Albuquerque, N.M., which is about 1,080 miles by road.

"This will not be easy, and I will struggle to make the distance; but make it I will," Harbottle said. "From the moment my family arrived at Travis, people have been so hospitable, and we have had a superb time throughout this tour. My ride for charity is one small way of helping repay that."

Personnel interested in sponsoring Harbottle can e-mail him at fred.harbottle@travis.af.mil or call 707-424-1434 for more information.

SPORTS SHORTS

Fitness Center limited hours

Due to remodeling, the Fitness Center gymnasium will be open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. through Thursday for basketball and volleyball. The locker rooms and limited cardio equipment will also be available. Call the Exercise Center at 424-5680 for more information about workout options including Solano Athletic Clubs' temporary pass and the mini gyms on base.

Climbing wall free to active duty

Outdoor Recreation now offers free use of the climbing wall to active-duty military from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. All climbers must first be certified by attending the free belay clinic on Tuesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. Call Outdoor Recreation at 424-5659 for more information.

YOWS golf tournament

Cypress Lakes Golf Course hosts the Year of the Warrior Spirit four-person, best ball tournament Monday. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and the shotgun start is at noon. There will be a putting contest at 10 a.m. and other contests throughout the day. Entry fees are \$30 for E-4 and below and \$35 for all other enlisted, officers and DoD civilians. Entry fee for civilian guests is \$43. Call 1st Lt. Al Martz at 424-0910, MSgt. Brian Haugen at 424-5827 or SrA. Eric Smith at 424-0859 for reservations.

Benefit bowling tournament

The Travis Bowling Center will host a no-tap tournament May 3 at noon. Prizes will be awarded for high team series, low team series, first and second place highest games and first and second place lowest games. Teams will be comprised of four members and each team will play three games. The entry fee is \$10 per person, which includes shoes and a ball. Raffles will be held throughout the tournament. The tournament is sponsored by the 349th Support Group and the 3rd Brigade/91st Division in conjunction with the Asian Pacific Islander Association and is a fundraiser for the Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. Profits will go to benefit the Fisher House at David Grant Medical Center. Individuals who wish to compete, but are not able to put together a team, should contact Barbara Chapman at 424-8632 or Nancy Gray at 424-8601. Teams should also contact Chapman or Gray to sign up.

Basketball fundraiser

The 349th Support Group and the 3rd Brigade, 91st Division, in conjunction with the Asian Pacific Islanders Association are hosting the 4th annual APIA Basketball Tournament May 11 and 12 at the Travis Fitness Center. Cost of entrance is \$175 per team. Any team up to 12 players is welcome to enter. Teams will play a college rule 5-on-5 double elimination tournament with no height limits. The first 10 teams to sign up will be chosen to play. All proceeds will go to benefit Fisher House at David Grant Medical Center. Call Ben Capili at 423-3259 or Arfel Atis at 424-1318 for more information.

Business golf

Sign up to join the Travis business golf team. The season begins May 15, and participants will play nine holes on Wednesdays at 5 p.m. at Rancho Solano against other area businesses. The fee is \$15 per person, cart included. All personnel assigned to Travis are eligible to play, military or civilian. Call Troy Delfs at 424-0184 or email troy.delfs@travis.af.mil for more information.

Golf outing

The 349th AMW is hosting a golf outing May 23 at Cypress Lakes Golf Course. The 18-hole tournament will begin at 12:30 p.m. with a shotgun start. The four-person teams will play the best ball for each hole. Cost for the tournament is \$28 for ranks E-1 to E-4, \$33 for E-5 and above as well as DoD personnel and \$43 for all guests. There will also be a longest drive contest, a closest to the pin contest, prizes for low score and a straightest drive contest. Call MSgt. Donald Pierotti at 424-3574 with your teams by May 16.